

DETAILED ACTION

Claims 1-13 have been cancelled. Claims 14-36 are new and under examination.

Withdrawn rejections:

Applicant's amendments and arguments filed 6/9/11 are acknowledged and have been fully considered. Any rejection and/or objection not specifically addressed below is herein withdrawn. Applicant has cancelled all previously rejected claims rendering the rejections of record moot.

EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT

An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it MUST be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

Authorization for this examiner's amendment was given in a telephone interview with M. Angela Parsons on 8/26/11. Note that support for the ratios can be found in at least [0032] of the USPGPUB and therefore there is no new matter added.

The application has been amended as follows:

In the claims:

In claims 14, 15, 16, 21-23, 27, 31, 32 and 34, delete “m²/g” and insert --- m²/g ---

In claim 14, lines 4-5, delete “dehydrate” and insert --- dihydrate --- and after “anhydrous trehalose” insert --- at a ratio of 40/60 to 50/50 trehalose dihydrate / anhydrous trehalose. ---

In claim 21, lines 4-5, delete “dehydrate” and insert --- dihydrate --- and after “anhydrous trehalose” insert --- at a ratio of 40/60 to 50/50 trehalose dihydrate / anhydrous trehalose. ---

In claim 27, lines 3-4, delete “dehydrate” and insert --- dihydrate --- and after “anhydrous trehalose” insert --- at a ratio of 40/60 to 50/50 trehalose dihydrate / anhydrous trehalose. ---

In claim 34, lines 2-3, delete “dehydrate” and insert --- dihydrate --- and after “anhydrous trehalose” insert --- at a ratio of 40/60 to 50/50 trehalose dihydrate / anhydrous trehalose. ---

Claim 37 (New) --- The trehalose solids according to claim 14, wherein the solids comprise mixtures of trehalose dihydrate and anhydrous trehalose at a ratio of 40/60 trehalose dihydrate / anhydrous trehalose. ---

Claim 38 (New) --- The trehalose solids according to claim 14, wherein the solids comprise mixtures of trehalose dihydrate and anhydrous trehalose at a ratio of 45/55 trehalose dihydrate / anhydrous trehalose. ---

Claim 39 (New) --- The trehalose solids according to claim 14, wherein the solids comprise mixtures of trehalose dihydrate and anhydrous trehalose at a ratio of 50/50 trehalose dihydrate / anhydrous trehalose. ---

Claim 40 (New) --- The process according to claim 21, wherein the trehalose comprises a mixture of trehalose dihydrate and anhydrous trehalose at a ratio of 40/60 trehalose dihydrate / anhydrous trehalose. ---

Claim 41 (New) --- The process according to claim 21, wherein the trehalose comprises a mixture of trehalose dihydrate and anhydrous trehalose at a ratio of 45/55 trehalose dihydrate / anhydrous trehalose. ---

Claim 42 (New) --- The process according to claim 21, wherein the trehalose comprises a mixture of trehalose dihydrate and anhydrous trehalose at a ratio of 50/50 trehalose dihydrate / anhydrous trehalose. ---

Claim 43 (New) --- The product according to claim 27, wherein the trehalose solids comprise a mixture of trehalose dihydrate and anhydrous trehalose at a ratio of 40/60 trehalose dihydrate / anhydrous trehalose. ---

Claim 44 (New) --- The product according to claim 27, wherein the trehalose solids comprise a mixture of trehalose dihydrate and anhydrous trehalose at a ratio of 45/55 trehalose dihydrate / anhydrous trehalose. ---

Claim 45 (New) --- The product according to claim 27, wherein the trehalose solids comprise a mixture of trehalose dihydrate and anhydrous trehalose at a ratio of 50/50 trehalose dihydrate / anhydrous trehalose. ---

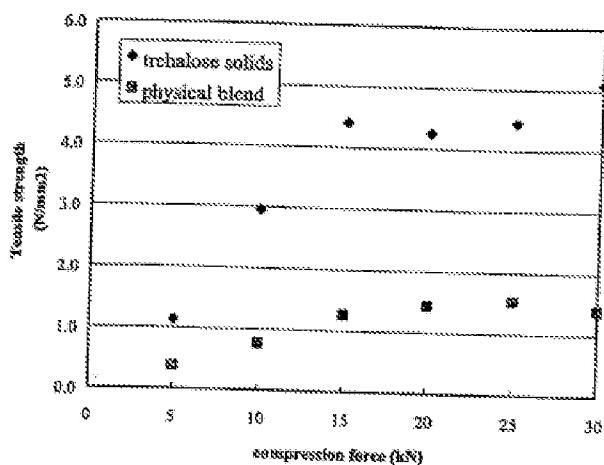
Claim 46 (New) --- The tablet of claim 34, wherein the trehalose solids comprise a mixture of trehalose dihydrate and anhydrous trehalose at a ratio of 40/60 trehalose dihydrate / anhydrous trehalose. ---

Claim 47 (New) --- The tablet of claim 34, wherein the trehalose solids comprise a mixture of trehalose dihydrate and anhydrous trehalose at a ratio of 45/55 trehalose dihydrate / anhydrous trehalose. ---

Claim 48 (New) --- The tablet of claim 34, wherein the trehalose solids comprise a mixture of trehalose dihydrate and anhydrous trehalose at a ratio of 50/50 trehalose dihydrate / anhydrous trehalose. ---

The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance: Applicant has shown in Figure 3 the unexpected increase in tensile strength over a composition comprised of 66% trehalose dihydrate and 33% anhydrous trehalose as shown below:

Figure 3



One of ordinary skill in the art could not have predicted this increase in tensile strength given the art at the time of the invention. Therefore the instant subject matter is deemed free of the art.

Claims 14-48, renumbered as 1-35, are allowed.

Conclusion

Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to ERNST ARNOLD whose telephone number is (571)272-8509. The examiner can normally be reached on M-F 7:15-4:45.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Brian Kwon can be reached on 571-272-0581. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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